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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/IB2005/050822	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 5 March 2005 (05.03.2005)	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 8 March 2004 (08.03.2004)
TITLE OF INVENTION CLOSURE SYSTEM FOR TUBULAR ORGANS		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US BACHMANN, Michel, IMBERT, Christian and JORDAN, Alain		
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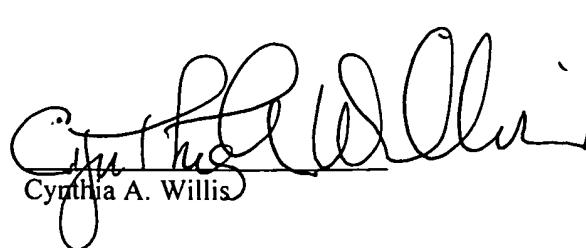
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